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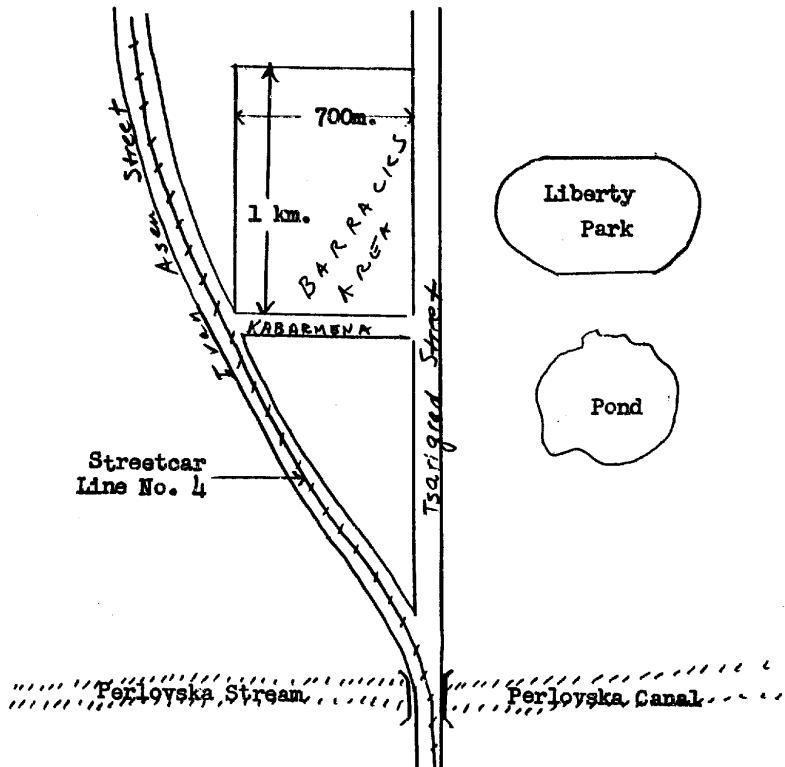
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Barracks in Sofia

1. Barracks of an unidentified unit (regiment?) are located in front of Liberty Park in Sofia. Several tanks undergoing repairs were noted standing in the barracks area.



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State Hospital in Sofia

2. The Pravitelstvena Bolnitsa (State Hospital), formerly the Jewish Hospital, is located on General Mikhaylov Street in Sofia. It was nationalized in 1949 and government reports stated that it had been "donated" by the Jews. In 1950, it was enlarged by adding a third floor to the existing two floors. The building is 50 by 30 meters in size and has a twin-sloped, red-tiled roof. Only the most important members of the Communist Party and ministers are treated at this hospital.

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4. The hospital has approximately 170 beds. The major part of the equipment and instruments was formerly the property of the Palestine Committee. In 1949, other modern American equipment was added, among which was radiographic and radioscopy apparatus. At present, all departments are well equipped.

5. A treatment and convalescence home for children, subordinate to the State Hospital and also formerly the property of the Jews, is located at Gorna Banya, east of Sofia.

Factories in Sofia

6. Elprom Factory, which was constructed between 1950 and the end of 1951, is located in Ilyantsi village to the north of Sofia. The factory was erected according to plans drawn up by Soviet technicians (who originally also directed production), employs 2,700 workers, and produces electrical materials.
7. The 9 September Zavod, which produces shoes, is located in the Bulena Livada Quarter of Sofia, approximately 2.5 kilometers from the southeast outskirts of the city on the road to Knyazhevo. As the title "zavod" suggests, the plant is a State enterprise financed by State funds. Prior to nationalization it was a group of private factories. The zavod employs approximately 1,500 workers and produces shoes "in series" by machine. The finished articles are sold through Narmag, the People's Stores.

The 9 September Cooperative in Sofia

8. The 9 September Cooperative, which was founded as a private organization and later nationalized, produces footwear for civilian use. Its headquarters are located at No. 17 Marco Polo Street in Sofia.
9. The organization consists of the following:
- An administration office consisting of a director, an accountant-bookkeeper, a cashier, a norm-fixer who sets the work norms for the various subordinate workrooms, four clerks, and two attendants; and
 - A directive council (upravitelen svet) consisting of a director (the same person as the administration director), a deputy director, a secretary, and two members.
10. The director is Enchev (fnu) [redacted] Approximately 200 workers are employed in the various workshops subordinate to the cooperative which are located at various points throughout Sofia. Each workshop has a director and five to 10 members.
11. Leather is distributed to the workshops by the Cooperative Central. The central acquires the leather from the State production centers, one of which is located at Gabrovo.

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12. At the various workshops, work is carried out in "sets," each shop producing as many pairs of shoes per day as it has workers. On an average day, including overtime, the 9 September Cooperative produces a total of 230-240 pairs of shoes. Some of the finished articles are sold by Narmag (People's Stores) and some are consigned to the cooperative's own shops for sale. The central is a factory and therefore can sell its products only through its dependent stores.
13. Selling prices are fixed by the Government. The prices received for goods sold to the People's Stores are fixed by law at 10 to 12 percent less than the retail prices fixed by the State. The prices of goods sold at the Cooperative's shops are less than those at the People's Stores because the Cooperative is made up only of members and do not hire the excessive number of workers as at the People's Stores.
14. The Cooperative was founded as a private enterprise in which each of the members contributed 30,000 or 50,000 leva as capital investment. New members have to submit an equivalent sum, which amounts to 1,200 leva after the monetary reform. The Cooperative carries out its management control every three months and at the end of the work year (which coincides with the solar year), and divides its profits (two-thirds to the State and one-third for the members). Since Narmag is a State enterprise, it must turn over all profits to the State.
15. Every 15 days the Cooperative members receive a salary advance and at the end of the month they receive the balance of their salary, after the Party and union dues have been deducted. Narmag workers receive only wages, while the Cooperative members receive a percentage of the annual profits.
16. The Cooperative does not sell shoes to the Armed Forces which have their own workshops at various barracks. The military shops employ civilian workers at higher wages than those paid Cooperative and People's Stores employees.

Hydroelectric Plant at Svishtov

17. In 1951, construction of a dam was reported in the Svishtov area. The dam will allegedly feed a hydroelectric plant in the vicinity.

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